zones. Existing flood forecasting system be strengthened and modernised using telemetry and satellite communication.

10. For optimal and integrated development of trans-Himalayan rivers, India should work for cooperation amongst the neighbouring countries. For this purpose, it has been suggested that National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in India, Water Resource Planning Organisations (WRPO) in Bangladesh and Energy Development Authority (EDA) in Nepal be designated to interact as a clearing house of information.

11. For hydropower development, Commission has recommended creation of hydropower development fund, promotion of joint ventures, tariff rationalisation etc.

12. For navigation development, the Commission has recommended that Inland Water Transport be treated as a nascent industry.

Amount Spent on Dolathabi Project in Manipur

2143. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money so far sanctioned by Government for construction of Dolathabi Project in Manipur;

(b) the amount so far spent on this work; and

(c) the date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Dolathabi project in Manipur has been approved by the Planning Commission in 1992 for an estimated cost of Rs. 18.86 Crore. The latest estimated cost of the project is reported to be Rs. 45.00 crore. Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation projects are funded from the State's own resources.

(b) An amount of Rs. 11.62 crore has been incurred on this project up to March, 1999.

(c) The completion of this project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.